

Handwriting

The MessagePad tries to detect when you are writing English words, abbreviations and common expressions.

- The MessagePad distinguishes characters and words in part by detecting pauses in your writing. It is a good idea to complete each character without pausing too long before it is finished, and similarly to complete your words without pausing in the middle.
- The MessagePad is also sensitive to the way your writing is spaced. Make a clear difference between spacing letters within words and spacing between words.
- For increased accuracy, you need to print your message. The MessagePad recognizes printing more accurately than cursive. You should print using separate letters, taking care to pick up your pen after each letter.
- If you mix printing with cursive writing or if you sometimes connect your printed letters, select **cursive** on the MessagePad.
- You may set your handwriting recognition preferences by first tapping the **Recognition** button then selecting **Preferences**. Select printing or cursive as your writing style. Tap the pen on the slider and move it to set your word spacing. If a guest is using the MessagePad, tap the checkbox to configure for guest user. Tap **Options** to set additional writing options or to use the default setting. Tap **Align Pen** to align the pen and the screen.
- To insert a word, use the carat \wedge . First tap the **Recognition** button, then the **Preferences** button, next **Options** and **Text Editing**, and finally tap the checkbox by **insert new words at carat**. Go back to item where you want to insert text. Tap the pen where you wish the word to be on the screen. You can write the words anywhere on the screen and they will be entered at the carat mark.
- You may scrub out words and pictures with a zigzag line that goes well above and below the portion to be erased. The line must go back and forth at least 4 times facing one of the four cardinal directions. Don't let the zigzag cross over itself.
- For more detailed instructions please refer to the Newton Apple MessagePad Handbook printed in 1996 by the AppleComputer, Inc. in Cupertino CA.